GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TREES IN NDMC AREA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of trees in the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area have become weak due to rapid concretisation of pavements/roads, digging work for utilities which has damaged the roots of trees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NDMC has taken any steps to sanitise/strengthen the trees so as to prevent them from uprooting and planting of multiple number of trees in its jurisdiction and to maintain the greenery;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that concretization of pavement around trees is discouraged and generally kucha space of 6'X6' is left around the tree. Further, digging near tree for utility services is permitted only in exceptional cases.

(c) to (e): The NDMC is taking a number of measures for protection of trees and maintaining greenery in the area, which include providing adequate resources to its Horticulture Department to take care of maintenance and health of trees; purchase of tree ambulance; taking assistance of the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun to take stock of health of trees; taking preventive measures so that trees are not uprooted; planting new saplings; replacing the casualties by grown up saplings as well as by second avenue plantation; permitting open trench, only in exceptional circumstances, etc.